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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

UDD, THOMAS EDWARD

Examiner

Thanh S. Phan

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 11, 12, 16, 19-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 17, 28 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 13, 17, 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maggelet et al. [US 5,099,391].

Regarding claims 13, 17. Maggelet et al. disclose an electronic system [column 1, lines 23-51] comprising: a chassis; a plurality of printed circuit cards [figures 1 and 2] operatively installed in said chassis, each of said printed circuit cards having a faceplate [26] and a plurality of terminations each adapted for operative connection to a connector on the distal end of the conductor from a remote transceiver, said faceplate having a plurality of apertures [38, 40] in predetermined locations relative to said terminations; an insert panel [20] carried by and overlying said faceplate, said panel having at least one apertured ports [figure 5] for the selective connection on the external side thereof to the connector on the distal end of a conductor from a remote transceiver, each of said at least one apertured ports being in alignment with one of the apertures in said faceplate so that the internal side of said ports extends in proximity to one of the terminations of said printed circuit card.

Regarding claims 28 and 29. The method steps are inherent to the disclosed apparatus structures.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10, 12, 16, 18-27 allowed.

Claims 14-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the applicant's arguments dated on 02/05/07 are persuasive regarding the insert panel having and/or supporting an adaptor(s)/port(s) in relation with the faceplate of the printed circuit board. The art of record does not disclose the above limitations, nor would it be obvious to modify the art of record so as to include the above limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

The applicant's arguments dated on 02/05/07 are persuasive. The claims are hereby allowed. However, claims 13, 17, 28 and 29 do not contain the allowable subject matter. Therefore these claims are rejected as above.

Regarding claims 13 and 17. The applicant has emphasized that Maggelet fails to disclose that the circuit board providing/having a faceplate.

Examiner disagrees:

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Applicant has not claimed, nor has examiner considered, the specific structural limitations of the faceplate relative to the circuit board. Applicant merely claims a circuit board having a faceplate. Maggelet discloses, and as acknowledge by the applicant on page 13 and again on page 17 of the REMARKS. Maggelet disclose an apparatus wherein the connected structure of the housing 10 and the circuit board 12 comprise a faceplate 20 as illustrated in 6. For the foregoing reasons, the claims continue to be anticipated by the Maggelet reference.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh S. Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-2109. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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